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### **REMARKS**

In response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2005, claims 34, 37-38, 51, and 53-54 have been canceled and claims 33, 45, 50, and 62 have been amended. Claims 33-64 are in the case. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

Record is made of a telephonic phone call from Applicants' attorney Edmond A. DeFrank to Examiner M. Heneghan in April 2005. The Office Action of January 13, 2005, the cited references and the pending claims were mentioned. A proposed amendment modifying the independent claims was mentioned. The above amendments to the claims reflect the phone call made by the Applicants' attorney.

The Office Action rejected claims 33-37, 39-42, 45-48, 50-53, 55-58, 61, and 62 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by "@Guard", by WRQ, Inc. The Office Action also rejected claims 44, 49, 60, and 63 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over "@Guard", by WRQ, Inc. in view of Reardon (U.S. Patent No. 5,434,562). Last, the Office Action rejected claim 64 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over "@Guard", by WRQ, Inc. in view of Boukobaza (U.S. Patent No. 6,122,664).

The Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections based on the arguments below and the amendments to the claims.

In particular, the Applicants contend that the "@Guard" reference does not disclose all of the elements of the Applicants' claimed invention. In addition, the Applicants submit that the "@Guard" reference, taken alone or in combination with either Reardon or Boukobaza, do not disclose all of the elements of the Applicants' claimed invention.

However, the Examiner stated that claims 38, 43, 54, and 59 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. As such, although the Applicants contend that the claims are allowable before the present amendment, in an effort to expedite the prosecution of this case, the Applicants have added the limitations of allowable claims 38 and 54 into the independent claims.

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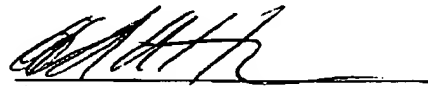
Hence, the Applicants submit that claims 33-64 are allowable.

Consequently, the rejections are moot. The Applicants, therefore, respectfully submit that the rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) should be withdrawn.

With regard to the dependent claims, since they depend from the above-argued respective independent claims, they are therefore patentable on the same basis. (MPEP § 2143.03).

In view of the arguments and amendments set forth above, the Applicants respectfully submit that the claims of the subject application are in immediate condition for allowance. Thus, it is respectfully requested that all of the claims be allowed based on the amendments and arguments. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. Additionally, in an effort to further the prosecution of the subject application, the Applicants kindly request the Examiner to telephone the Applicants' attorney at (818) 885-1575.

Respectfully submitted,  
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